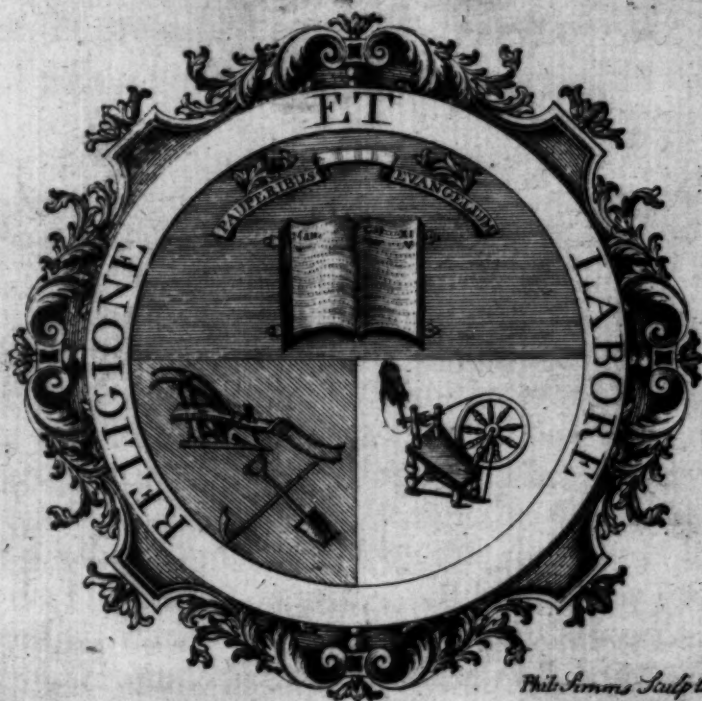


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MEMBER of the Incorporated SOCIETY in
Dublin, for Promoting *English Protestant-Schools* in *Ire-*
land, to his Friend in the Country.

S I R,

Y O U have been long impatient to hear what Progress the SCHEME hath made for promoting more effectually the Pure Light of the *Gospel*, and for exciting a Spirit of *Industry* through this Kingdom. I have now the Pleasure to acquaint You, that His Majesty's Royal CHARTER for promoting *English Protestant-Schools* in this Kingdom (of which I send you a printed Copy) was opened with Solemnity, in the *Council-Chamber*, on *Wednesday* the Sixth instant, and after the reading of it in presence of His GRACE the Duke of DORSET, Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, and many of the Lords, Commons, and Clergy, the Officers appointed by the CHARTER were immediately Chosen; We have the Honour of having His GRACE the Lord Lieutenant for Our President, the Lord Primate was elected Vice-President, and also, Treasurer; and *John Hansard*, Esq; Secretary, the said Treasurer and Secretary took an Oath for the due and faithful Execution of their respective Offices as the CHARTER directs; a Subscription was then proposed and cheer-
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fully made by most of the Members present, and I should be Remiss if I omitted mentioning the Earl of KILDARE's Benefaction of Five Hundred Pounds.

SINCE which the Society pursuant to their Adjournment having met in the *Committee-Room* of the House of Lords, deliberated on the Rules and Measures to be taken by them for carrying on with Effect this truly Noble, Religious, and Charitable *Design*.

AT which Time they chose Fifteen of their Number, usually residing in or near *Dublin*, to be a standing Committee for the present Year, who are to meet Monthly, or oftner, for the better conducting and managing the Affairs of the SOCIETY, and for directing and receiving Correspondencies, through the Hands of their Secretary Mr. *Hansard*, who holds his Office for this End, at his House in *Big-Butter-Lane*.

THEY have also resolved, when They shall have erected any *Charter-School*, to request such Members of the SOCIETY, as shall reside in the Neighbourhood thereof, to form themselves into a *Local Committee*, to Inspect and Oversee the State and Management of it, and to give such Intelligencies, and return such Observations to the *Standing Committee*, as they shall judge to be Proper and Useful.

THEY likewise appointed a *Sub-Committee* of Five, for preparing a Plan or Scheme for *Rules and Orders* to carry the *Design* into *Execution*, and this will be soon made publick, that all may judge what Success can be reasonably hop'd for from a SCHEME so well concerted, and to be conducted by Persons of Capacity, equal to such an *Undertaking*, and who are animated purely by their Regard to the *Protestant Religion and Interest*, and the *Love* of their *Country*.

GIVE me leave further to Observe, that pursuant to the Royal CHARTER, it is the unanimous and firm Resolution of the SOCIETY, to make these *Schools* useful for Work and Labour, as well as for Christian Instruction, and to oblige the Children to spend the most part of their School-hours, to fit them for those Trades and Occupations, that are most useful and profitable to the *Community*, of which the *Linnen-Manufacture* is undoubtedly, the most considerable, and next to that *Agriculture and Gardening*.

IN the Progress of this commendable *Design*, We may, by God's Blessing, hope to see, the Poor Ignorant and Deluded Natives of this Kingdom, brought to a true *Knowledge* of the *Christian Religion*, happily

pily Established among us, and to promote such a *Spirit of Labour and Industry* every where, among the Poor, as may render us a flourishing and happy People.

THE SOCIETY have it likewise in their Thoughts, and Wishes, if the Benefactions and Bounty of well disposed Persons should, in time, Enable them thereto, to Provide not only *Schools* and *Work-houses*, but also, *Diet* and *Cloathing* for the Poor Children, especially for the Orphans and Foundlings, and to Erect some Buildings to that End, that by this means, their Poor and Ignorant Parents and Relations may not only be relieved from the Charge of their *Maintenance*, but likewise deprived of any Opportunities to pervert their *Faith*, or corrupt their *Morals*.

I hope, Sir, what I have suggested may be sufficient to invite you, and many other Gentlemen in the Country, to put their Hands to this Excellent Undertaking, and to become Subscribing and Corresponding Members of the SOCIETY, that by your *Aid*, and *useful Observations*, they may both know, what Progress is made in this laudable *Work*, and may be the better enabled to send you their *Sentiments* and *Advice*.

AND that nothing be wanting to apprize you of the Usefulness of the CHARTER, I have herewith sent you the Lord Bishop of *Dromore's* *Sermon* Preached on the Anniversary of the Twenty Third of *October* last, with the Appendix annexed.

MAY the good God, who delights in the Welfare and Happiness of his Creatures, bless and prosper all our Endeavours, and make them Effectual to Enlighten the Darkness of this Nation with the bright and glorious Light of the *Gospel*, that so we may all become, not only, good *Christians*, but faithful *Subjects*, and an Industrious and useful *People*.

Dublin, February
20th, 1733.

I am, SIR, Yours, &c.

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F R O M

A Residing MEMBER of the Incorporated SOCIETY in
Dublin, for Promoting *English Protestant-Schools* in
IRELAND, to a Corresponding MEMBER in the
Country.

S I R,

I N the foregoing Letter, you had an account of the *Scheme* for promoting *English Protestant-Schools* in this Kingdom ; and of the Countenance and Encouragement given to it upon the Opening of the Royal CHARTER. I have now the Satisfaction of acquainting you, that no sooner had the *Society* established a proper Method of proceeding in their Charitable Undertaking, but they had the happiness of being assisted by the seasonable Bounty of many other Persons of Rank and Character : So that the *Society's* Fund is now raised to One Thousand and Forty Two Pounds *Sterl.* Six Hundred Pounds of which Sum are either paid already, or payable on Demand, and the Remainder by *Annual* Payments in four Years. They have further received from sundry Persons Presents of useful Books, and from Two Gentlemen a promise of Ten Acres of Land in the County of *Mayo*, to be settled for ever towards the Support of a *Charter-School*.

AND that you may know in what manner the *Society* proposes to conduct their useful Designs, I here send you a Copy of the Prudential Rules and Orders to which They have Agreed, and which have been confirmed as the CHARTER directs.

R U L E S

RULES Established by the Incorporated SOCIETY, in
Dublin, for Promoting *English Protestant-Schools* in
 IRELAND.

I.

THAT the *Society* begin with Erecting One School in each of the Four Provinces of this Kingdom; and to proceed by degrees, as their Fund shall encrease, to One or more Schools in each County: By this Means, the whole Kingdom will soon observe some good Effects of the Design; and well-disposed Persons will be induced to encourage the same, by their Countenance and Subscriptions; and Private Schools will be the better regulated and formed, on the Model of the *Charter-Schools*.

II.

THAT the most eligible Place for every such First School, to be erected, will be some very *Popish* and Extended Parish, in or near which there is some County-Town, or other Principal Town; that the good Effects of such School may be the more conspicuous, and that Persons of some Consequence may have the Proceedings of it under their Eye; and that the Town of *Castle-Dermot* (being Part of the Estate of the Right Honourable the Earl of KILDARE) is a proper Place for the First School, in the Province of *Leinster*.

III.

THAT a Rent be paid, out of the Fund, for some House, to be converted into a Working-School, until such Time as a convenient Piece of Land be given for Erecting such School: And 'tis hoped that the Gentlemen of the several Counties, will, by their Benefactions, Enable the *Society* to Erect such Building.

IV.

THAT the Members of the *Society*, residing in the County, Barony, or Neighbourhood of the *Charter-School*, be made a *Local Committee*
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of Inspection; and be Vested with proper Authority to Oversee and Direct it, and to Correspond with the *Committee of Fifteen* in *Dublin*; their Letters to be directed to the Secretary of the *Society*.

V.

That the School-masters, and Mistresses, be appointed by the *Society*, upon the Recommendation, either of the *Committee of Fifteen*, or of the *Local Committee*, and to be Approved and Licenced by the Bishop of the Diocese, his Visitor or Visitors, and to bring to him or them, at the ordinary Visitation, a particular Account of the State of the School, with the Names of the Scholars, and the several Periods of their Entrance and Dismission, attested by the *Local Committee*, or the Minister and Church-Wardens of the Parish.

VI.

THAT no Person be a Master or Mistress of a *Charter-School*, who is not a known and approved Protestant, and likewise well affected to his Majesty and his Government.

VII.

THAT the Children to be committed to the Charge of the said School-masters and School-mistresses, be those of the *Popish*, and other poor Natives of this Kingdom, who are to be taught *gratis*.

VIII.

THAT the Salary to any Master or Mistress, be not less than Five Pounds *per Ann.* nor to exceed Twelve Pounds *per Ann.* and such of them as shall acquit themselves best, to be raised to the highest Salaries.

IX.

THAT all the Children shall be cloathed, and taught to read *English*, and such of them as the *Local Committee* shall judge fittest, shall be instructed in Writing and common Arithmetick, but this only for two Hours in each Day; and to be employed, during the rest of the School-Hours

Hours, in proper Work and Labour; a particular Regard being had to the Linnen Manufacture, as the best ways of Raifing, Preparing, and Dressing Flax and Hemp, Spinning and Reeling Flaxen and Hempen Yarn; also, Knitting, Sowing, Marking of Linnen, Washing, Brewing, Baking, the Business of a Dairy, and all such Kinds of Work, as may prepare them respectively, for being put out Apprentices, or going to Service.

X.

THAT the Children at proper Ages be put out Apprentices to *Protestant* Masters or Mistresses, at the Expence of the *Society*, (the Apprentice Fee not to exceed Forty Shillings) and particularly, to such Trades as are most conducive to promote the common good, as Flax-dressers, Weavers, Wool-combers, Bleachers, Gardiners and Husbandmen.

XI.

THAT the Masters and Mistresses of a *Charter-School*, be married Persons, or Persons advanced in Years, and of Sober, and Virtuous Lives, and that upon complaint from the *Local Committee*, or the Incumbent or Curate of the Parish, that such Masters or Mistresses are negligent in the discharge of their Duty, they shall be removed.

XII.

THAT the Lords, the Archbishops and Bishops, (pursuant to the late Enabling Statutes) be applied to, to grant two Acres, plantation Measure, out of their See Lands, and to recommend it to their respective Clergy, where it may be conveniently done, and at a proper time to grant one Acre, Plantation Measure, for the use of a *Charter-School*, and that all other Persons, impowered by the late Statute, made in the fifth Year of His present Majesty, to grant one Acre of their Land, plantation Measure, for the use of an *English Protestant-School*, be moved to Execute the same at a proper Season.

^a See the Account of Work-Houses in *England*, with a Preface to excite some such Application of our Charity in this Kingdom. *Dublin* Printed by J. Hyde, 1728. ^b See Statute 5th K. George II Chap. 4. *An Act for the further Explaining and Amending the Laws, &c.* page 67.

Particular RULES for the Regulation of *Charter-Schools*,
to be set up in the Kingdom of *Ireland*.

I.

THE Masters and Mistresses shall open their Schools, every Morning, with Prayers, and reading some Portion of the Holy Scriptures ; to which End, a short Formulary may be composed ; the Children that are absent from Prayers, to be corrected. They shall also instruct the Children in the Principles of the *Protestant* Religion, as set forth in the Church-Catechism, and explained in some short and useful Expositions:

II.

THAT the Children, daily, shall learn their Books for two Hours ; and shall work the rest of the School-Hours.

III.

THAT School-Hours, from the First of *March* to the First of *October*, shall be from Seven in the Morning to Eleven ; and from One in the Afternoon to Five : For the other Five Months, the School-Hours shall begin at Eight in the Morning, and end at Twelve ; and begin at One, and end at Four in the Afternoon.

IV.

THAT the School-Masters, and Mistresses, shall enter into a Book, for that Purpose, the Name and Age of every Scholar, and the Day and Year of Admission and Dismission, and to whom every Scholar was put out Apprentice, mentioning the Trade and Place. And shall, yearly, bring an Abstract, or Copy, of the last Year's Transactions to the Bishop or his Vicar-General, at his ordinary Visitation ; to the Intent the same may be transmitted to the Secretary of the *Society*.

V.

THAT School-Masters, and Mistresses shall be answerable for all Damages that may be done to the Utensils, Tools for Work, &c. provided
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for the Use of the Schools ; to which End, they are to sign Receipts for the same, upon the Delivery of them into their Charge. They shall also repair, at their own Expence, all broken Windows of the Schools.

VI.

THAT the Girls shall spin Linnen and Woollen Yarn for their own Cloathing, and shall make them up ; and shall do the same for the Boys, if there be a School for Boys in the same Parish : And the Work, thus done, to be specified in the Return to be made, as aforesaid, at the Visitation.

VII.

THAT all such School-Masters, and School-Mistresses shall catechize the Children, at least, twice a Week ; and shall take Care, that the Children attend Divine Service, and Publick Catechizing at Church, and shall keep them orderly there.

VIII.

THAT School-Masters, and Mistresses, behaving themselves ill, may be complain'd of, at any time, to the Bishop ; that he may apply immediate Remedy, without waiting for the Visitation.

IX.

THAT all School-Mistresses shall be either married Women, not having young Children of their own, or grave unmarried Women, not under Forty Years of Age (where such may be had) and who understand Spinning, Reeling, Knitting, Sewing, Marking of Linnen, Carding, and Washing, and all the Practice of Housewifery, that may prepare the Girls for Services or Trades.

X.

THAT proper Books, such as *Primers, Psalters, New Testaments, Expositions of the Church-Catechism*, be provided for the Use of the Schools ; and that a *Bible* and *Common Prayer Book*, and *The Whole Duty of Man* be given by the *Society* to every Child that shall be put to Service, or bound out, by Order of the *Society* or *Local Committee*.

XI.

THAT the Children of the poor Natives, who shall be sent to a *Charter-School*, may receive Rewards in proportion to their Diligence and

Improvement, such as Two Shillings for paying the Hearth-money for their indigent Parents, or a certain Portion of Bread, to be distributed every *Sunday*, after Divine Service; and that after they have faithfully served their Apprenticeships, some necessary Tools, for their respective Employments, may be given to them, upon their setting up for themselves.

XII.

THAT a certain Proportion of what is earned by the Girls may be divided between the School-Mistress and the Parents, for the Encouragement of both, at the Discretion of the *Local Committee*.

XIII.

THAT three Fourths, only, of the Apprentice-Fee be paid down to any Master; and the Remainder two Years after: Only a Weaver of Linnen, or Woollen, shall not be entitled to receive the Remainder of the Apprentice-Fee, till such time as Proof shall be made, to the *Local Committee*, that his Apprentice has woven a Score of Linnen or Woollen Cloth.

THIS SIR, is the *Scheme* on which the *Society* intend to Proceed, and it is easy to judge what good Fruits it is likely to Produce: Numbers of Poor Children will by these means be educated in the Knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, and of their Duty to God, and their Neighbours; instructed in some honest Way of Earning a Lively hood, and inured early to a habit of Industry; and those too of that Sort, who otherwise would probably grow up in Ignorance, Idleness, and Vice, and so become a Burthen and Pest to the Publick. The Benefits designed them extend to their Bodies as well as their Souls; to the rendering them useful Members of the Community, as well as Good Christians. By their being acquainted with the Holy Scriptures, they will likewise be made Good Subjects: Informed what is their Duty to their Lawful Governors, and at the same time secured against the Wiles and Artifices of *Romish Priests*, who are always busied in propagating not only corrupt Principles in Religion, but Disaffection also to His Majesty's Person and Government. And it is reasonably to be hoped, that the Benefit of these Institutions will be still more diffusive: When the Good Effects of Christian Knowledge and Industry, shall come to shew themselves in the Lives and Circumstances of the Persons bred up in these Schools,

Schools, many, who through Ignorance and Prejudice are now averſe to our Holy Religion, may probably be thereby induced to think ſo favourably of it, as to liſten to the Inſtruction of their Pariſh Miniſters; and thoſe, who reſuſe to labour, excited to a Spirit of Induſtry themſelves. As then this *Scheme* is ſo well calculated to promote the general Good of the Nation, it muſt ſure be acceptable to every one: And it is not to be doubted, but that it will in a little Time meet with ſuitable Encouragement from the Publick.

It is obvious, that a pretty large Fund muſt be neceſſary to the carrying on ſo Noble and Extenſive a Work; and what Encourages the *Society* to hope, that Gentlemen of this Kingdom will not be backward in their Contributions towards it, is the great Succeſs an Undertaking, partly of the ſame Nature, has lately had in a Neighbouring Kingdom, of which I here beg leave to give you ſome Account.

On the Application of ſeveral of the Nobility, Judges, and Gentry of *Scotland*, who had obſerved the happy Conſequences of ſome *English* Free-Schools Erected and Supported by the Charitable Contributions of a few private Perſons only, Her late Maſteſty Queen *Anne*, in the Year 1701, was pleaſed to grant to that Kingdom Her Letters Patent, conſtituting a certain Number of Subſcribers a *Society* for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge in the *Highlands*, and *Iſlands* of *Scotland*. The Succeſs was ſo great, that by the Royal Munificence of His late Maſteſty King *George*, and the continuance of the ſame Royal Bounty by His preſent Maſteſty, together with the liberal Contributions of many well-diſpoſed Perſons of all Ranks and Conditions in that Kingdom, the *Society's* Capital Stock was raiſed in a ſhort Time, to the Sum of Ten Thouſand Pounds *Sterl.* notwithſtanding the great Expences in Supporting many Schools in the mean time. The printed Accounts inform us, that in the Year 1729, there were Ninety Schools eſtabliſhed; wherein above Three Thouſand Children were Taught to Read and Write, and inſtructed in the Principles of the Chriſtian Religion. And by the laſt Account of the State of that *Society*, publiſhed in the Year 1732. * We find the Number of Schools increaſed to One Hundred and

* See A ſhort State of the *Society* in *Scotland* for Propagating Chriſtian Knowledge. Publiſhed by order of the *Society*. Anno, 1732. See The account of the Succeſs of the *Society* in *Scotland*, in *Chamberlains* State of *Great-Britain*, in the Years, 1730, 1731, 1732.

Five; in which are instructed Three Thousand and Twenty Four Boys, and One Thousand One Hundred and Two Girls, in all, Four Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Six: A great, and most Exemplary Instance of Publick Spirit and Christian Charity!

IN respect to the *Charter* granted by His Majesty for the Benefit of this Kingdom, give me leave to Observe to you, That it has this particular Advantage, which must certainly recommend it beyond all Exception, that the Children are not only to be Educated in the Knowledge of the Christian Religion, and taught to Read and Write, but are also to be Employed in many useful Branches of Trade and Labour.

As several of the Trustees of the *Linnen-Board* are Commissioners appointed to act in the Execution of this *Charter*, the finding ways of Employing the Poor Children in some useful manner will be rendered the more Easy. The Steps taken by each *Society* may be greatly Instrumental in promoting the Good Designs of the other; and on the Success of both the flourishing State of this Kingdom does in a great Measure depend.

THE Good Effects of the Care and Prudence of the *Linnen-Board* in the Application of their Fund we have very Sensibly Experienced. And as the *Society* are perswaded that their *Scheme* for Supporting the Poor, Instructing the Ignorant, and Employing the Idle cannot want due Encouragement; So They humbly hope, when once they are enabled by a sufficient Fund to carry their Designs into Execution in their full Extent, that Divine Providence will bless their Honest Endeavours with the same Good Success.

Dublin, March
6th, 1733.

I am, S I R, &c.

P. S. As the *Society* are empowered to have a common Seal; They have fixed upon one; the Device you have in the Title Page.

